

SOUTH DAKOTA MUNICIPAL LEAGUE

Executive Director
Yvonne Taylor

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Speaker Haugaard
HAND DELIVERED

Dear Speaker Haugaard:

I am writing this letter as a follow up to our recent conversation. You have informed me that I am not to be on the House Floor until further notice, and stated that this was based on your disagreement with comments written by me in the May, 2018 issue of *South Dakota Municipalities*. A copy of the article is enclosed for your reference.

I am obligated to represent my employers. I am a registered lobbyist for the South Dakota Municipal League and the SD Police Chiefs' Association, and the Executive Director of the South Dakota Municipal League. I have been a registered lobbyist for twenty-five years.

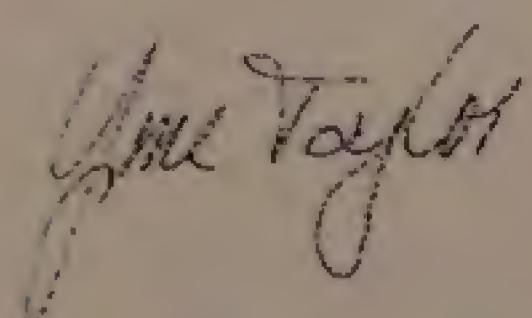
Your arbitrary decision prevents me from performing the duties of my job. I disagree with the rationale you have given for banning me from the floor.

I can find no authority in statute, the joint rules of the legislature, or the rules of the House which permit you in your capacity as Speaker of the House to prohibit me as a citizen or a lobbyist from being on the floor of the House of Representatives during times when it is open to the public.

Please provide me in writing copies of any and all authorities upon which you rely to prevent me from being on the floor as a citizen or a lobbyist.

Please provide a reply in writing by 5:00 p.m. CST on Wednesday, January 16, 2019. If I receive no reply by the time and date specified, I will resume the duties of my job, including working on the House floor during periods when it is open to the public. As I have for the past twenty-five years, I will treat all legislators, staff, related persons and the legislative process with the utmost respect.

Sincerely,



Yvonne Taylor
Executive Director